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Ecuador

VISA GUIDE

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO
VISAS IN ECUADOR



ECUADOR GENERAL INFORMATION



6 interesting facts about Ecuador:

1. Ecuador is located on the continent of South America. It is named after the equator, the imaginary line that splits the country in two.
2. Biodiversity Hotspot: Ecuador is one of the world's 17 megadiverse countries, housing an incredible array of plant and animal species within its borders.
3. Indigenous Cultures: Ecuador has a rich indigenous heritage, with various indigenous communities preserving their traditions, languages, and vibrant cultures.
4. Chocolate Paradise: Ecuador is renowned for its high-quality chocolate production.
5. Galapagos Islands: Famous for Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and renowned for its unique wildlife, the Galapagos Islands are a distinct part of Ecuador.
6. Volcanic Landscapes: Ecuador boasts more than 30 active volcanoes, including Cotopaxi, one of the highest active volcanoes in the world.

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ECUAASSIST 90 DAY TOURIST VISA



When a foreigner enters Ecuador, they automatically receive 90 days on a tourist visa, which can be used within a year counted from the date of entry. For example, if a person entered on June 1, 2025, they can use their 90 tourist days until June 1, 2026. This video explains this rule in more detail [\[Watch Video\]](#).

Foreigners on tourist visas are eligible to extend their visas. If you want to apply for a 90-day extension as a tourist, you can do so using this [link](#).

The extension is valid only for the 90 days indicated in the document and is not cumulative, meaning that the extension has an expiration date.

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In Ecuador, there are two types of visas:

TEMPORARY

- Valid for 2 years
- Allows multiple entries
- Renewable

TYPES

Pensioner
Rentier
Digital nomad
Investor
Professional
Dependant

PERMANENT

- Does not need renewal

This visa can be obtained after 21 months of having a temporary residence visa, provided that one has not been absent for more than 90 days during the duration of their temporary visa.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - TEMPORARY VISA

Pensioner | Rentier | Digital Nomad | Investor | Professional | Dependent

- Visa application form (Formulario de Solicitud de Visa)
- Passport with 6 months validity
- Apostilled background check [Less than 6 months old]
- Health insurance (for certain visas)
- Migratory Movement Certificate
- Two color passport photos
- Color copy of main passport page
- Color copy of current visa/tourist stamp

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PASSPORT VALIDITY

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The law states that passports must have a validity of at least 6 months at the time of applying for the visa, but we recommend that it has a validity of at least 24 months to avoid the need for transferring the electronic visa from one passport to another, as this incurs a fee.



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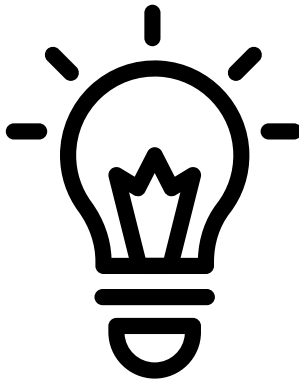
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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

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Background checks must be apostilled and are only valid for 6 months from the date of issuance until the last entry to Ecuador before applying for the temporary residence visa.



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DOCUMENTS FROM ABROAD

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In order to have full validity in Ecuador, all documents originating from abroad must be properly apostilled or legalized, as applicable. Additionally, any document that is not in the Spanish language must be translated and notarized.



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PENSIONER VISA

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PENSIONER:

This visa is applicable to those who receive a government pension, as long as it is for the applicant's lifetime.

For the year 2026, the minimum income a person must have is \$1,486.00 USD.

Dependents such as spouses and children can obtain a visa under the sponsorship of the person holding a Pensioner visa.

The principal applicant must have an additional income of \$250.00 USD per dependent.

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RENTIER VISA

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For those who receive a minimum monthly income of \$1,486.00 USD, this income can be from rental income of a property or any other passive income.

Adult dependent children can obtain a visa under the sponsorship of the Rentier visa holder. The main applicant must have an additional income of \$250.00 USD per dependent.

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DIGITAL NOMAD VISA

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This visa is for those who want to live in Ecuador and work remotely from anywhere in the world. If their income is greater than \$1,486.00 USD per month for the last 3 months, and if they have more than \$28,920.00 USD in their bank account, they qualify for the Digital Nomad visa.

The main requirement for this visa is to demonstrate through a contract that you work remotely. Adult dependent children can obtain a visa under the sponsorship of the holder of a Digital Nomad visa.

The main applicant must have an additional income of \$250.00 USD per dependent.

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INVESTOR VISA

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The minimum required investment for this visa is \$48.200, which can be in real estate, a certificate of deposit from an Ecuadorian bank, or shares of an Ecuadorian company.

Ecuador offers very attractive interest rates, and some financial institutions provide up to 11% annual interest. In addition to the investment, the applicant must demonstrate income of \$482,00 USD over the last 3 months.

If there are dependents such as adult children or a spouse, an additional \$250,00 USD per dependent must be demonstrated.

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PROFESSIONAL VISA

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This visa is for those who have a university diploma. Prior to the application, you must be registered with the Ecuadorian government, and the diploma registration process takes approximately 2.5 months.

The requirements for diploma registration are as follows:

1. University degree certificate
2. Plan of study and/or academic record that verifies the duration of the studies
3. Letter indicating the study mode
4. Certificate of knowledge in the field of the pursued career or academic program, in accordance with CINE-UNESCO

In addition to the diploma registration, the applicant must demonstrate an income of **\$482.00 USD** for the past 3 months. If there are dependents such as adult children or a spouse, an additional \$250.00 USD per dependent must be demonstrated.

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TEMPORARY - DEPENDENT VISA

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For those who do not qualify to apply for any of the mentioned visa options, there is the possibility for spouses, partners in a de facto union, and children [of legal age or minors] to apply as dependents of a principal applicant under any of the above visas.

You must provide documents that establish the filiation or marital or de facto union, as applicable, between the beneficiary of the protection and the holder of the temporary residence visa.

Additionally, the principal applicant must demonstrate the required income for their visa type, plus an additional \$250.00 USD PER EACH DEPENDENT (adult children or spouse) for the month prior to the dependent's visa application. The downside of this visa is that the principal applicant must first obtain their visa before the dependent can apply for a visa.

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